

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bentwich et al.

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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE  
GROUP OF NOVEL VIRAL  
REGULATORY GENES AND USES  
THEREOF

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.1116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 16, 2008 (the "Office Action"), please consider the amendments and remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

**Claim Amendments** begin at page 2. **Remarks** being at page 3.